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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

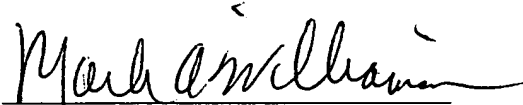
It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, and that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, by the Examiner initialing and returning the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

Japanese Patent document 7-311361 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,714,967.

2 We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

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Respectfully submitted,

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